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Documentation of the Staats House, located in Stockport, Columbia County, New York, was undertaken in January of 1937 by W.E. Smith, N.E. Baldwin, and G.W. Allen. The documentation consists of field drawings delineating the, floor plans, and details of the structure.

Staats House, Stockport, N.Y. (transcribed from field notes)

The Stockport station of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad stands in the angle formed by the confluences of Stockport Creek with the Hudson. Immediately east of the station, facing south on the creek, is the Staats homestead.

Abraham Staats came out to New Netherlands in 1642 as a surgeon for the West India Company and practiced his profession for six years. He was also a great trader in furs with the Indians.

The house now standing is supposed to stand on the foundations of the house built in 1644.

The present home consists of two units, one of stone and the other a wing of brick to the west.

The present owners are Messrs. Harry and Joseph Hoes.

The cellar walls of this house show it to be very old and that at one time there was an underground tunnel from the cellar to the river. In the rear of the house the construction of the walls lead one to believe there was at one time (and perhaps still exists) a crypt under the house. This point was one of the earliest fur trading posts in the Hudson Valley.